

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIG. 7A, there is shown an exemplary side perspective view of a two-post rack 801. The two post rack ~~840~~ 801, also referred to as a telco rack and a relay rack, historically has been used for telephony equipment, relays, and patch panels. The two-post rack 801 consists of two vertical uprights 160, or posts, used for attaching equipment. These posts 160 are typically "C" shaped and have mounting features 800 on the front and rear of both posts 160. Two-post racks 801 typically have an overall depth of 2" to 10" from front mounting surface to back mounting surface. Functionally, a two-post rack 801 is very similar to a four-post rack, aside from being shallow in depth. The holes of the mounting features 800 typically conform to the guidelines of the EIA-310 specification. Two-post racks 801 usually have a means of attaching the rack to the floor for stability, shown by the base 810. The hole pattern on the front and back 800 of the two posts 160 typically conform to the EIA-310 standard. The standard specifies the vertical hole spacing and the right post to left post hole spacing. This standard also describes a minimum opening between the right and left posts 160.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

Still referring to FIG. 1, an equipment attachment flange 110 may be coupled to the first lateral end 30. The equipment attachment flange 110 is intended to support loads. The equipment attachment flange 110 may be adapted to emulate a vertical upright in a common four-post rack (not shown) or to emulate the characteristics of a specific vendors rack, including attachment feature size and attachment feature location. In an alternative embodiment, a sliding rail (not shown) may be attached to the coupling member 10 to slide equipment mounted on the coupling member laterally. As used herein, the term "to emulate" means to imitate the function of. The

equipment attachment flange 110, therefore, may be adapted to receive a sliding rail. The equipment attachment flange 110 may define a supporting point for a load. In addition, the equipment attachment flange 110 includes one or more orifices 120 for securing to various pieces of equipment. The orifices 120 may be adapted to emulate orifices found in four-post equipment racks. It is contemplated that the number, placement, size and configuration of the orifices 120 may vary, and may include a modular design. Such a design would allow for the creation of one orifice 120 that may be adapted to receive several connection points from equipment. The equipment attachment flange 110 is of a predetermined thickness, which may be adjusted depending on the requirements of the system. In certain preferred embodiments, the equipment attachment flange is substantially perpendicular to the vertical support member 20. However, in some embodiments the angle between the vertical support member 20 and the equipment attachment flange may be acute or obtuse.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

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FIG. 13 is an exemplary flow chart for providing a two- to four-post adapter according to the principles of the present invention. In this embodiment, features of the present invention are accomplished by installing a two-post to ~~for~~four-post adapter on a two-post rack, shown by box 1300. Next, a device may be mounted to the adapter, shown by box 1310. Optionally the adapter may be coupled to the two-post rack, shown by box 1320.

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